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## SERVICES

- Youth & Family Counseling
- Community Support
- 24-Hour Crisis Stabilization
- Psychiatric/ Psychological Evaluation
- Therapeutic Recreation
- Pre-Hospitalization Screening

## SERVICE LOCATIONS

### AUSTINTOWN

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### YOUNGSTOWN

Outpatient Care  
711 Belmont Avenue  
Yo., OH 44502  
(330) 743-4716  
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### 24-Hour Crisis Stabilization Unit

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Yo., OH 44502  
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### CAMP CHALLENGE

#### Therapeutic Recreation

139 Wilkinson Avenue  
Yo., OH 44509  
(330) 793-2487

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the Deaf and  
Hearing Impaired  
TDD  
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

RE: Anthony Cioffi  
Matthew Cioffi

Dear Mr. Wrenn;

Matthew Cioffi was seen for initial assessment on 4/21/95 by Ms. Meg Harris, M.S.Ed., L.P.C. following his discharge from the Youth Services Unit of Tod's Hospital. Although Matthew's mother, Lisa Phillips, reported initially that Matthew "may have been sexually molested by their (biological) father"; there was nothing in the extensive information received from the hospital (including a psychological evaluation) that suggested corroborative findings and/or treatment for abuse. In fact, there is specific reference to Matthew denying being a victim of sexual abuse. Matthew was admitted to the hospital on 3/30/95 with a diagnosis of Major Depression after a suicide attempt. A psychological evaluation suggested a diagnosis of Adjustment Disorder with Depressed Mood and a rule-out of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder.

The clinical service plan developed by the primary Therapist, Dave Tammaro, L.S.W. on 5/11/95 and signed by Matthew's mother targeted disruptive behaviors as the problem. In total, Matthew and/or his mother were seen in three sessions by Mr. Tammaro. There were no reference to allegations or reports of sexual abuse in any of the Therapist's progress notes.

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Anthony Cioffi was initially referred to D&E in October, 1990 by a Home-School visitor after Anthony's mother indicated that she believed Anthony's father had and was molesting him since age three (3). Mahoning County CSB had reportedly investigated but could not substantiate abuse. Meanwhile, the mother failed two appointments here and Anthony was not seen for intake until March, 1991 at age 6 years and 2 months. At that time Anthony was seen to present with multiple developmental and adjustment problems. A Case Manager was assigned to coordinate services. After multiple attempts to contact the family met with failure, the case was closed in May, 1991 with no services delivered.

Anthony returned to D&E with his Mother and brother in April, 1995. The mother sought out assistance due to multiple problems including allegedly unresolved issues of sexual abuse when he was a very young child. Initially diagnostic assessment suggested an Oppositional-Defiant disorder; Attention-Deficit Disorder was also suspected and not ruled out. Information received after the intake indicated that Anthony had been placed in the Developmentally Handicapped program at his school; most recent testing indicated an intellectual level within the mild range of mental retardation. Specific cognitive, behavioral, and emotional deficits were noted.

As with his brother a service plan was developed that focused on the disruptive behaviors. Due to the family's move to Trumbull County there was no significant follow-up.

Essential: the only information regarding sexual abuse was supplied by the boys' mother. There is no information within the files that would corroborate or substantiate, for example, statements given by either child. In fact, apparently Anthony had steadfastly denied to therapists, evaluators, and case workers that he was molested.

These are clearly troubled, maladjusted and developmentally impaired youth. They have developed significant problems that have required clinical interventions as early as age three. As of the date of the last contact with this family the sporadic treatment interventions had resulted in minimal gains.

It's extremely important to note the intellectual/cognitive limitations of both of these youngsters. There appears to be a good deal of existing information which could address your concerns regarding the accuracy of their recall, and this should be obtained from the original sources.

If you have any questions regarding this information or if you believe we can be of further assistance to you in this matter, Please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Harvey Wayne', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Harvey Wayne, Ph.D.  
Clinical Director

HX/lee